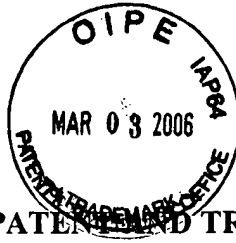


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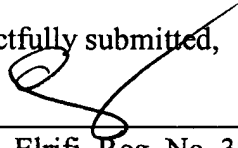
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed September 6, 2005 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before March 6, 2006. A check in the amount of \$900.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. Applicants paid for a one-month extension of time on December 22, 2005 in the amount of \$120.00. Therefore, our check in the amount of \$900.00 for a three-month extension of time is considered appropriate in this instance ( $\$1,020.00 - \$120.00 = \$900.00$ ).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-519. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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